GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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MARKET SHARE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has made any comparative assessment of increasing participation of public and private sectors airlines in domestic air services;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the share of private airlines has increased during the first half of the current year;

(d) If so, the percentage decrease in the share of public sector airlines;and

(e) The steps being taken to increase the share of public sector airlines in the market?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)(b) (c) and (d): The market share of all scheduled private airlines and Indian Airlines is as under:-

Month	Market Share (%)	
	Indian Airlines	Scheduled Pvt Airlines
Jan,2006	25.0	75.0
Feb,2006	23.7	76.3
March,2006	23.2	76.8
April,2006	23.5	76.5
May,2006	21.6	78.4
June,2006	20.8	79.2

(e): Entry o f several new private scheduled passenger airlines and substantial induction of capacity by existing as well a s new scheduled passenger airlines has also contributed to the drop in market share of Indian Airlines. To overcome this declining market share, Indian Airlines is augumenting capacity by inducting 43 new aircraft as well as taking aircraft on lease. Simultaneously, Indian Airlines constantly strives to improve its performance and image to remain competitive in the market. Some of the measures taken in this regard are market initiatives, product and service upgrades, in-flight initiatives, fleet augmentation/renewal, improvement in cabin ambience and rebranding corporate identity.Indian Airlines has also introduced various promotional fares/schemes to remain competitive and to improve traffic on its routes.